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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

A motorcycle in which an engine is used as a part of a body frame is known. For example, there is a motorcycle in which a body frame extends ~~[[long]]~~ from a head pipe slantingly downward to the rear along an approximately straight line in a side view, and a lower end portion of the body frame is joined to a case of a horizontal opposed engine Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. Heisei 10-329776. Further, there is a motorcycle in which the rear side of a front frame is bifurcated and joined to front and rear portions of a cylinder head of a forward tilted engine Japanese Patent Publication No. 2593868.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

According to the invention, the lower portion of the front frame is joined to the cylinder portion which is integral with the case. Thus, force from the front frame is applied to the case side and is difficult to be applied to the cylinder head side. Therefore, the cylinder head is not easily distorted and strength required in the cylinder head can be reduced accordingly. Moreover, since the front frame is joined to the cylinder block in the upper portion of the case, the length of the front frame can be reduced as much as possible. Consequently, the size of the cylinder head is reduced so that the weight of the engine is reduced, and the center of gravity can be lowered. Furthermore, ~~[[the]]~~ weight reduction of the body can be realized.